unauthorized use of electricity, enhancing the amount to be deposited for appeal against the assessment order, widening the definition of theft of electricity, barring the large consumers from supply of electricity if they repeatedly indulge in theft, providing for disconnection in cases of theft, expanding the jurisdiction of special courts etc.

Power generation by NTPC

4226. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC has decided to stop power generation in many power stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether NTPC has expertise in the field of nuclear power generation;

(d) if not, how the expertise is going to be achieved in this highly sensitive and technical area; and

(e) whether NTPC intends to outsource the project, if so, whether enough security measures have been taken?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply above.

(c) and (d) Although NTPC Ltd., is having rich experience in construction and operation of large capacity thermal power projects and more recently the foray into hydro projects, NTPC proposes to engage experienced technical consultants of international repute for seeking their advice in regard to various aspect of setting up of first 2000 MW nuclear power plant including training of manpower in design, operation and developing necessary competence in NTPC Ltd. for building nuclear plants in future as well.

(e) NTPC Ltd. does not intend to outsource the projects as its own employees shall be trained and involved in building the future nuclear projects.